

AUGUST 2023

SUMMER LOVIN'

Greetings from the
Woodford County Conservation District

Dining
**FOR
ALL**



57th Annual Woodford Co. Farm Tour

Enjoying every minute of summer, The Woodford County Conservation District, Cooperative Extension Service, Fish & Wildlife, and Farm Bureau were proud to present the 57th Annual Woodford County Farm Tour at the end of July.

Visiting Four Hills Farm and Wildside Winery on Troy Pike, 200 visitors enjoyed sampling, learning and enjoying our beautiful county. Guests were most impressed by learning all about Katahdin lamb nutrition, production and history, and then tying it directly to the Four Hills meatballs and bratwursts they enjoyed later in the day! Similarly, many guests who enjoyed talks at Wildside Winery were pleased to pick and eat the fruit in the field and enjoy a sample of the finished product in the tasting room.

BBQ lunch, ice cream sandwiches and Eckert's peaches and blackberries topped off a fantastic morning. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we hope to see you all again (and more) next year!

The Vacation

By Wendell Berry

Once there was a man who filmed his vacation. He went flying down the river in his boat with his video camera to his eye, making a moving picture of the moving river upon which his sleek boat moved swiftly toward the end of his vacation. He showed his vacation to his camera, which pictured it, preserving it forever: the river, the trees, the sky, the light, the bow of his rushing boat behind which he stood with his camera preserving his vacation even as he was having it so that after he had had it he would still have it. It would be there. With a flick of a switch there it would be. But he would not be in it. He would never be in it.





Rock Gateway Program

A wet season often results in our gateways being excessively rutted and eroded. The purpose of this program is to help Woodford County farmers with the necessary means to repair gateways in order to reach an area of the farm that makes it difficult for animals or machinery to cross the majority of the year.

The Conservation District will provide materials to install filter fabric covered by 4-6" stone at no cost to the participant (if <4yrs participating).

Limited to 1 gateway per farm owner per fiscal year

Fall sign-ups will run until September 22, 2023



Field Cover Crop

This cost share practice will pay \$20/acre for up to 100 acres, for planting a cover crop after harvest of corn or soybeans in the fall of 2023.

This cost share practice will also pay \$20 per acre for up to 50 acres, for planting a cover crop after harvest of tobacco in fall 2023.

Can be wheat or rye, and can be harvested for grain; grazed or harvested for forage; as well as planted into, in the spring. Other cover crops will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Garden Cover Crop

Working with Tyson Gregory, the new Horticulture Extension Agent; and Woodford County Master Gardeners, WCCD will provide bags of seed for FREE for backyard garden cover crops!

Cover crops in your garden provide multiple benefits such as controlling erosion, suppressing weeds, reducing soil compaction, increasing moisture and nutrient content of soil, improving yield potential, attracting pollinators, and providing habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife!

UNLIMITED FREE SOIL TESTS

As of July 1, 2023, the Board of Supervisors has lifted the 20-per-year cap on free soil tests.

This means **EVERYONE** in Woodford County can benefit from ALL the soil testing they could possibly need in a year!

All private land and farm soil testing is now fully sponsored by the Woodford County Conservation District. Commercial entities are not eligible - i.e. landscaping or pesticide companies.

Contact for more information on soil samples, collection, testing and delivery:

Woodford County Cooperative Extension office
(859) 873-4601





Dead Animal Removal - now **\$125** per animal!

The Board of Supervisors has voted to increase the reimbursement for the composting of large fallen animals in Woodford County from \$100 per animal to \$125 per animal.

Receipt required from approved companies:

- Large Animal Composting of KY - **859-583-7761**
- Perkins Livestock Removal - **859-753-4568**
- Conboy Enterprises Lexington, KY - **859-221-6998**

To apply for cost-share reimbursement, bring in or email a copy of your collection receipt (incl. farm pickup address, date, collection company), as well as to whom you'd like the reimbursement check made out (your name or Farm name), and address to where you'd like it sent.

District-Owned Equipment for Rent

As we look toward the fall, keep in mind the following equipment, owned by the Woodford County Conservation District, is available to rent at a fraction of the cost of purchasing!

Agriculture Resource Building:

Contact Vivian - (859) 874-4941, Ext 3

- **7-ft No-Till Drill Seeder** - \$160/day OR \$240/wknd
 - Great Plains (x2), Haybuster 77C (x1)
- **9-ft No-Till Drill Seeder** - \$160/day OR \$240/wknd
 - Land Pride (x1)
- **10-ft No-Till Drill Seeder** - \$160/day OR \$240/wknd
 - Haybuster 107C (x2)
- **Post-Driver** - \$200/day OR \$300/weekend
- **5-ton Lime/Seed Spreader** - \$200/day OR \$300/weekend

Woodford Feed:

Contact Greg - (859) 873-4811

- **In-line Hay Wrapper** - \$160/day



Check out our FB page and pass on your knowledge of Woodford!

On the slides we posted, we hope to help coordinate the best local knowledge, Offers and Ag-related ISO's.

www.facebook.com/woodfordcd





The Peace of Wild Things

By Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS

If you are a teacher, parent, Scout leader, daycare worker or ANY other kind of educator or leader - AND you are passionate about helping foster a love of the environment in our youngsters...

Then EMAIL Vivian at the WCCD office to get information on grants, cost-share, education resources and learning opportunities, all of which are directly related to Environmental Education.

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*resources by KAEE, KACD, Grant Gopher and others



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